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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC, SY

SUBJECT: AIRLIFT OF FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY BAND

REF: STATE 144372

1. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY REFTEL OF DOD AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE ROUND-TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION FOR FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY BAND TO PARTICIPATE IN DAMASCUS FAIR. BAND STILL SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AUGUST 11, WITH MORE PRECISE DETAILS TO FOLLOW BY SEPTEL. ACCORDING TO PRESENT PLANS, GROUP WILL BE MOVED BY MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND CONTRACT CARRIER FROM TALLAHASSEE TO A DESIGNATED POINT IN EUROPE (RHEIN MAIN OR TORREJON) AND SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSFERRED TO A C-5A REPEAT C-5A AIRCRAFT DIVERTED FROM REGULARLY SCHEDULED CARGO RUNS IN EUROPE TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR FINAL LEG OF JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS. RETURN TRIP TO U.S. WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY CONTRACT CARRIER.

2. WE PROPOSE TO MAKE C-5A AVAILABLE FOR RETENTION AT DAMASCUS AIRPORT FOR 48-HOUR PERIOD AS STATIC DISPLAY. THIS WILL AFFORD OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THIS PRESTIGIOUS TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT TO SYRIANS, WITH USAF PERSONNEL PROVIDING

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GUIDED TOURS FOR SYRIAN VIPS OR GROUPS. AS YOU PROBABLY

KNOW, C-5A IS WORLD'S LARGEST AIRPLANE WITH GROSS WEIGHT OF 728,000 POUNDS; IT IS 246 FEET LONG, HAS A WING SPAN OF 223 FEET AND THE TAIL STANDS 65 FEET HIGH. IT IS CAPABLE

OF MOVING ANY EQUIPMENT IN U.S. ARMY INVENTORIES AND CAN LAND IN MINIMALLY ACCESSABLE AREAS. TYPICAL FREIGHT LOAD WOULD BE 16 THREE-QUARTER-TON CAPACITY TRUCKS. BY MEANS OF SPECIAL LANDING GEAR, IT LITERALLY KNEELS DOWN LIKE A CAMEL TO UNLOAD.

3. IF WE ARE TO FLY C-5A INTO DAMASCUS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CONDUCT AN AIRFIELD SURVEY BEFORE END JULY TO INSURE THAT REQUISITE SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE.

4. YOU SHOULD INFORM SARG THAT WE PROPOSE TO FLY FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY BAND INTO DAMASCUS AIRPORT IN C-5A AND TO RETAIN PLANE AT AIRPORT FOR APPROXIMATELY 48 HOURS FOR DISPLAY IF SARG IS INTERESTED IN HAVING MILITARY OR OTHER GROUPS VISIT IT. YOU MAY GIVE SYRIANS DETAILS ON C-5A AS PER PARA TWO ABOVE. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT IF SARG AGREES TO FOREGOING WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK PERMISSION FOR TWO-MAN U.S. AIR FORCE TEAM TO COME TO SYRIA DURING LAST WEEK OF JULY TO REVIEW WITH SYRIAN OFFICIALS SUPPORT CAPABILITIES AT DAMASCUS AIRPORT. PROPOSED MEMBERS OF TEAM ARE: MAJOR KENNETH W. MACAULEY, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 4 September 2013] AND TSGT. KEVIN J. GORDON, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 4 September 2013]; ALTERNATE NOMINEES ARE CAPTAIN ROBERT J. MCCULLOUGH, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 4 September 2013] AND MSGT. MERFIL M. CONNELLY, JR., [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 4 September 2013]. INGERSOLL

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